

I CLAIM

1. A method of playing a game of chance comprising:
 - receiving at least one first wager from a player;
 - receiving at least one second wager from a player;
 - distributing at least one first set of game indicia;
 - evaluating said at least one first set of game indicia according to a first set of game rules to determine at least one first game outcome; and
 - determining whether the at least one first game outcome is a losing outcome and, in response to a predetermined number of losing first game outcomes, providing at least one insurance outcome by doing one of a) distributing at least one second set of game indicia and evaluating said at least one second set of game indicia according to a second set of game rules and b) evaluating said at least one first set of game indicia according to at least one third set of game rules.
2. The method of claim 1 comprises receiving the at least one first wager and the at least one second wager as a global bet.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the insurance outcome is provided according to a), the step of evaluating said at least one second set of game indicia comprising conducting the game to its completion according to said second set of game rules.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the insurance outcome is provided according to b), the step of evaluating said at least one first set of game indicia comprising conducting the game to its completion according to said third set of game rules.
5. The method of claim 1 comprises awarding at least one prize according to the first set of game rules to the player if at least one of the at least one first game outcome were determined as a winning outcome.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of distributing at least one second set of game indicia is characterized in that the number of second set of game indicia is based on the at least one second wager, either according to the number of wagers or their values.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of distributing at least one second set of game indicia comprises displaying said at least one second set of game indicia at least partly concealed.
8. The method of claim 1 characterized in that at least one of the at least one second set of game indicia is selected, using one of a) receiving a player's selection, b) randomly selecting, or c) selecting according to a fourth set of game rules.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein the second set of game rules is identical to the first set of game rules.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein the third set of game rules is characteristic of a game type different than said game of chance.
11. The method of claim 1 comprises determining whether the at least one insurance outcome is a winning outcome.
12. The method of claim 1 comprises awarding at least one prize for each winning insurance outcome.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the prize awarded for a winning insurance outcome is based on the at least one second wager.
14. The method of claim 1 comprises selecting at least one of the at least one second set of game indicia using one of a) randomly selecting, b) applying a fifth set of game rules, and c) receiving a player's selection.

15. The method of claim 14 comprises awarding at least one prize for each selected set game indicia determined as a winning insurance outcome.
16. The method of claim 15 wherein the prize awarded for a winning insurance outcome is based on the at least one second wager.
17. The method of claim 14 comprises selecting at least one of the selected sets of game indicia determined as winning insurance outcomes using one of a) randomly selecting and b) applying a sixth set of game rules.
18. The method of claim 17 comprises awarding at least one prize for each selected winning insurance outcome.
19. The method of claim 18 wherein the prize awarded for a winning insurance outcome is based on the at least one second wager.
20. The method of claim 1 wherein the game indicia are at least one of dice, cards, symbols, numbers, and tiles.
21. The method of claim 1 characterized in that the steps are executed in the order described in said claim 1.